

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodney G. Nauert called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Smith gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

Bradi D. Diaz
Ray Don Clayton
John F. Gallen
Charlotte Heinze
Fred Harris (excused absence)
Bud Owsley
Annabelle Smith

Steven J. Alexander, City Manager
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary
James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Smith

- The observance of 911 will be taking place at several locations. Everyone should try to attend at least one of the ceremonies to remember all the precious lives that were lost.

Council Member Heinze

- Echoed Council Member Smith's sentiments.
- The Bulldog season begins this coming Friday at an away game in Arlington. "Go Dawgs!"

Council Member Gallen

- The Mayor will be reading a proclamation on National Character Week. We are becoming a community of character, and citizens should be looking in the media for the six pillars of character, which are: trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring, and citizenship.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz

- Reminder, the Ministerial Alliance will host a 9-11 remembrance ceremony at the Ledger auditorium.
- Leadership Cove still needs applicants; please contact the Chamber for registration.
- Thanks to the Boys and Girls Club for volunteering their labor to plant greenery around the two welcome signs at the east and west entrances to Copperas Cove.

Mayor Nauert

- Several 9-11 ceremonies will be taking place in the area. Fort Hood will hold a ceremony at 8:15 a.m. The City of Copperas Cove will host a ceremony outside the Copperas Cove Public Library at 10 a.m. The Ministerial Alliance and the Greater Fort Hood Baptist Association will host a ceremony at the Ledger auditorium at 7:00 p.m. and the VFW will hold a ceremony at Post 8577 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend any and all of these ceremonies.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – American Character Week.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to CCISD representatives, Linda Roberts and Gail Milligan. Linda Roberts invited all parents to visit schools during American Character Week.

2. Proclamation – Always Remember 9-11 Day.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to the City.

- F. CITIZEN'S FORUM** citizens are allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters, matters under litigation, or matters on the regular agenda, for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section.

Diane Steel, 905 N. 4th Street – Mrs. Steele complained about the concrete cracking in front of the library and on city streets. Mrs. Steele said that multiple families were living in single-family homes, as “times are hard”. Mrs. Steele said Copperas Cove has the highest property rental rates in the area.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

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| 1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the August 20, 2002 City Council Meeting. Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary |
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Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve consent item 1, with an amendment to include three additional names to the list of children who were recognized for volunteer work. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

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| 1. Public Hearing on City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Steven J. Alexander, City Manager |
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Mayor Nauert opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking For: None.

Speaking Against: Mrs. Steele – 905 N. 4th Street, Copperas Cove.

Mayor Nauert closed the Public Hearing.

2a. Public Hearing on a tax increase for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Mayor Nauert opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking For: None.

Speaking Against: Roger O'Dwyer – 1703 Highland Drive, Copperas Cove.

Diane Steel – 905 N. 4th Street, Copperas Cove.

Mayor Nauert closed the Public Hearing

2b. Consideration and action on scheduling a meeting to adopt a tax rate 3-14 days after September 3, 2002. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz made a motion to schedule a meeting to be held September 10, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the tax rate. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

3. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2002-14 amending the existing franchise agreement between the City of Copperas Cove and Oncor Electric Delivery Company. **James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney**

Mayor Nauert opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking For: None.

Speaking Against: None.

Mayor Nauert closed the Public Hearing

4. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2002-15 amending the existing franchise agreement between the City of Copperas Cove and TXU Gas Company. **James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney**

Mayor Nauert opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking For: None.

Speaking Against: Roger O'Dwyer – 1703 Highland Drive, Copperas Cove.

Mayor Nauert closed the Public Hearing

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approving the Water Supply Contract between the City and Topsey Water Supply Corporation and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of the City. **James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney**

Council Member Clayton made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Owsley seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS – None.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

1. Strategic Planning Committee Report. **Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor Pro Tem**

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz said in the Spring of 1999 a study was conducted by Dr. Stephen Vitucci and Dr. Roger Alford concerning the services provided to the citizens, identifying key issues and to assist in developing a strategic plan. From information gathered, our top ten goals for the City were identified and prioritized at a January 8, 2000 meeting. Mayor Nauert assigned Council Members Bradi Diaz and Annabelle Smith to serve as Council representatives on the Strategic Planning Committee, which now consists of Annabelle Smith, Bradi Diaz, Steven Alexander, Pamela Russell, and Linda Tyler. It has been determined that quarterly reports from the City's departments are the essential component in gathering data and formulating a report to the council. Mayor Pro Tem Diaz gave credit to Angelia Briggs, Alternate City Secretary, and Linda Tyler, Parks and Recreation Director, for compiling all of the collected information for the committee. These quarterly reports can be viewed at the public library.

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Smith – Made a request for Jim Reed, Central Texas Council of Governments, Executive Director, to give a presentation on the “Mitigation Action Plan”, and invite the County officials to attend – Workshop. City Council concurred.

Council Member Heinze – Would like more information on the tax rate increase made available to the public.

Mayor Nauert adjourned the regular session of the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to deliberate on the evaluation of the City Manager.

2. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Interim City Attorney.

3. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to review applications for the City Attorney position.

N. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nauert reopened the regular session of the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Nauert announced that Executive Session items were for information purposes only and no action would be taken.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary